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Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

- ☐ Notice of References Cited, Form PTO-892.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Drawing, PTO-948.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, Form PTO-152.
- ☐ _____

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

- ☒ Claims 1-39 are pending in the application.
Of the above, claims _____ are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claims _____ have been cancelled.
- ☐ Claims _____ are allowed.
- ☐ Claims _____ are rejected.
- ☐ Claims _____ are objected to.
- ☒ Claims 1-39 are subject to restriction or election requirement.
- ☐ The formal drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
- ☐ The drawing correction request filed on _____ has been ☐ approved. ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has
☐ been received. ☐ not been received. ☐ been filed in parent application, serial no. _____
filed on _____
- ☐ Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
- ☐ Other

(1) Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC 121:

I. Claims 1-13, 17-32 and 36-38 drawn to a prosthesis including track means for constraining motion of a bearing insert for class 3, subclass 1.911.

II. Claims 14-16 and 33-35 drawn to a prosthesis including a bearing surface having a plurality of surface segments defined by rotating a common plane generating curve about a plurality of parallel axes of rotation for class 3, subclass 1.911.

(2) Claim 39, a multiple dependent claim, will be examined with the elected group.

(3) The inventions are distinct because neither requires the other in order to be functional as a prosthetic implant.

(4) The inventions have separate status in the art since a worker in the art seeking to improve the tibial bearing insert would not necessarily be involved with an improvement on the femoral bearing member and vice versa.


(5) Because these inventions are distinct and have separate status in the art, restriction is deemed proper.

(6) A complete response must include a provisional election even though the requirement is traversed. See 37 CFR 1.143.

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